

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): A camera comprising:  
2 digital photography means for picking up  
3 digital images of a subject;  
4 photometry means for measuring the brightness  
5 of the subject with a photometry element in response to  
6 a power on operation of the camera; and  
7 setting means for setting the image-pickup  
8 conditions of the next cycle based on the past image-  
9 picked-up results of said digital photography means,  
10 wherein the initial image-pickup conditions of said  
11 digital photography means are set based on the output of  
12 said photometry means.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): The camera according to  
2 claim 8, wherein the initial photography conditions of  
3 said digital photography means are set based on the  
4 output of said photometry means obtained when the  
5 operation of said camera is started and before a first  
6 release of a switch is turned on.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): A camera comprising:

2                   a start switch for power on operation of said  
3 camera;  
4                   an image-pickup element;  
5                   an image-pickup element drive circuit for  
6 driving said image-pickup element;  
7                   a signal processing circuit for processing the  
8 image signal that is formed by said image-pickup element;  
9                   a photometry element for measuring the  
10 brightness of a subject;  
11                  a photoelectric current processing circuit for  
12 processing the photoelectric current output from said  
13 photometry element; and  
14                  a CPU for actuating said photometry element in  
15 response to an operation of said start switch and  
16 instructing the initial operation conditions of said  
17 image-pickup element to said image-pickup element drive  
18 circuit based on the data on the brightness of the  
19 subject processed by said signal processing circuit.

1 Claim 11 (original): The camera according to claim 10,  
2 wherein said image-pickup element drive circuit, in  
3 image-pickup operation of the second cycle and subsequent  
4 cycles of said image-pickup element, sets the operation  
5 conditions of the next cycle based on the image signal  
6 obtained by the previous image-pickup operation.

1 Claim 12 (new): The camera according to claim 8, wherein  
2 said camera is a hybrid electronic photography and film  
3 camera.

1 Claim 13 (new): A camera according to claim 10, wherein  
2 said camera is a hybrid electronic photography and film  
3 camera.